

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 04-02-11

Issued at Glennallen, Alaska
August 10, 2011

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
Friday
August 12, 2011

Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order changes the bag limit for the Moose Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt (CM300) in Game Management Unit 13B, that portion of the unit within 5 miles of the Denali Highway (between the Susitna River and Paxson), from one bull moose, to one bull moose with spike-fork antlers or 50" antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.045 (9-11), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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(11)
Unit 13

1 moose per regulatory year,
only as follows:

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 bull with spike-fork
antlers or 50-inch antlers or
antlers with 4 or more brow

Aug. 13 – Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt
only)

tines on one side per harvest report by community harvest permit in that portion of Unit 13B within 5 miles of the Denali Highway; or

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Rebecca Schwanke
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Prior to the hunt, it was established that up to 6 “any-bull” moose could be taken in the Copper Basin community hunt for Unit 13B, that portion within 5 miles of the Denali Highway. This limit was established based on sustainable harvest principles and current population estimates. ‘Any-bulls’ are those bull moose that do not meet state general hunt antler restrictions. Due to the number of community hunt moose harvest tickets issued, this quota of 6 “any-bull” moose is expected to be reached by Friday night.

Copper Basin community moose hunters may still hunt in this portion of Unit 13B through the end of the regularly scheduled season (September 20th) however, all bulls taken after Friday August 12th with a community harvest ticket must meet state general hunt antler restrictions (spike-fork antlers or 50” antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side).

The Board of Game allocated up to 70 total “any-bull” moose to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt for 2011-12. The following table lists the areas where the “any-bull” moose could be taken, and the general season antler restrictions for each area. Due to the change in 13B, that portion within 5 miles of the Denali Highway, the remaining allocation is 64 “any-bulls”. Up to 54 can be taken in remaining portions of Unit 13, and up to 10 can be taken in Unit 11. All other state hunting regulations still apply, including the closure of the take of all big game in the Paxson Closed Area.

Any Bull Quota	Hunt Area	General Season Antler Restriction
none	Open portion of GMU 12	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
10	GMU 13A	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
6	GMU 13B within 5 miles of the Denali highway	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
14	GMU 13B Remainder	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
10	GMU 13C	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
5	GMU 13D	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
15	GMU 13E	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 4 or more brow tines
10	GMU 11	Spike/fork, or 50” antlers, or 3 or more brow tines

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